

Washington State Patrol Media Release

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Chief Ronal W. Serpas Accepts Post as Nashville Police Chief

Chief Ronal W. Serpas, who has led the Washington State Patrol for the past two and a half years, has accepted the position of Chief of Police in Nashville, it was announced today. He will be reporting for duty beginning Monday, January 12, 2004.

"Today, Mayor Bill Purcell of the city of Nashville offered, and I have accepted, his appointment as the next Chief of Police in Nashville," Chief Serpas said. "I want to thank Governor Gary Locke, his administration, and the Washington State Legislature for the support they have shown me and the WSP during the last two and a half years. Over this time, the WSP has provided the finest service to the families of Washington, and I am confident this will continue."

During his tenure, the Washington State Patrol earned numerous national awards, including most recently, the coveted Chief's Challenge and Clayton J. Hall Memorial Award, given out by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to the best law enforcement agency in the country.

"I want to thank all of the men and women in the Washington State Patrol for their dedication to making a difference during our time together," said Chief Serpas. "My family and I look forward to the challenges we will face in Nashville and becoming part of the Nashville community and its police department."

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